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January 29, 1971

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Mrs. Rosemary C. Sarri
University of Michigan
School of Social Work
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Dear Mrs. Sarri:

Mr. Glen McCord Harnden is a personal friend of mine whom I have known closely for the past twelve months. I have known Mr. Harnden's family for several years and consider him to be a very brilliant young man with unique qualifications to pursue work in your Doctoral Program in Social Science.

Mr. Harnden's undergraduate work at West Point, in almost five years as a career officer in the U. S. Army, indicates to me his ability to pursue the kind of work your school requires.

Mr. Harnden is deeply committed to human values. I have been most closely associated with him as a personal and spiritual advisor. I have observed his leadership qualities, especially in working with young adults and children. He is an intelligent Christian layman whose broad concerns for human justice are exceptionally deep and genuine. He is the kind of person who sets goals and fulfills them. He is extremely conscientious and yet at the same time well-balanced.

I have had the opportunity of observing his marriage and home life and find them to be extremely sound. He and his wife are a very harmonious couple who share common goals and commitments to a humanity.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
*Supervising Committee for the Doctoral Program
in Social Work and Social Science*

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48104

January 22, 1971

Mr. John Allen Chalk
849 Washington Boulevard
Abilene, Texas 79601

Re: Glen McCord Harnden

Dear Mr. Chalk:

The above named person has applied for admission to the Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science, and has named you as a reference.

We are interested in obtaining information to aid us in making a decision regarding this application, and to help us plan the most constructive program if the applicant becomes our student. The following questions suggest the kind of information that would be useful to us. Please feel free to use these questions only as guides, and to write us specifically and as fully as you wish.

1. How long and in what connection have you known the applicant?
2. In this inter-disciplinary Ph.D. program, a major part of the studies will be in a particular discipline--economics, political science, psychology, sociology--that the student combines with advanced social work. In your opinion, does this applicant have the ability to perform successfully in doctoral level work in an academic discipline? If you are in a position to do so, will you please rank the applicant's academic performance in the upper 5, 10, or 25 per cent of students who have recently been in your department or in your agency? Please indicate also your estimate of the candidate's potential for doctoral level work in social work.
3. Please describe those qualifications as you see them that bear on the applicant's capacity to carry responsibility, work autonomously as well as with others, and assume leadership roles. Please note any characteristics or attitudes you have observed in the applicant which you think would affect the quality of his performance in a career as a social worker-social scientist.

We shall appreciate as clear an estimate as your knowledge of this applicant permits, and shall consider the information confidential.

Very truly yours,

Rosemary C. Sarri

(Mrs.) Rosemary C. Sarri, Head

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